



PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 05453.0037-00000

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
Takeshi FUKUDA et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1617  
Application No.: 09/834,651 ) Examiner: S. Kantamneni  
Filed: April 16, 2001 ) Confirmation No.: 3687  
For: FLAKY  $\alpha$ -ALUMINA PARTICLES ) Express Mail No. EL984625144US  
AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING )  
THE SAME )

**MAIL STOP RCE**  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Applicants hereby petition for a three (3) month extension of time to file a Request for Continued Examination in reply to the Final Office Action of May 5, 2004. The fee of \$980.00 may be charged to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,  
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Dated: November 5, 2004

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